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Selectboard Minutes
Date: April 12, 2022, 6:00 PM at the Municipal Building
Items Are Often Taken Out of Order to Accommodate Schedules

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Selectboard Present: Jeff Northgraves, John Spear, Walter Reitz
Others Present: Terri-Lynn Baines, Pennie Alley, Jan Gaudio, CEO/LPI Dan Dates, Sondra Wallace via zoom.

Note: A listing as present does not denote attendance for the entire meeting.

- I. Call to Order**
Spear called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- II. Adjustments to Agenda**
Change Town Meeting Date.
LD 2003, An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions.
Health Officer Position.
- III. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda**
There was no public comment.
- IV. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (March 29, 31, April 4,5,6,7)**
Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to table approval of the minutes of April 6, 2022.
Motion passed 3-0.
Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to approve the minutes of March 29, 31 and April 4, 5, and 7 as amended.
Motion passed 3-0.
- V. Old Business**
 - a. Discussion on Transfer Station Increase in Assessment, Capital Project and Fiscal Year**
Reitz gave an update on the 12-month budget. An article has been approved by the OHSTT Solid Waste Committee to be placed on Owl's Head's, South Thomaston's and Thomaston's warrants to be voted on at their annual town meetings.
- VI. New Business**
 - a. Consider Maine Lobstermen's Association's Request for a Contribution to Support MLA's Legal Defense Fund to Save Maine Lobstermen**
The Selectboard received a letter from the Maine Lobstermen's Association requesting a donation to the MLA Legal Defense Fund to Save Maine Lobstermen. The Board was briefed on this request by Bob Baines at a previous meeting.
The Selectboard discussed putting an article on the Town Meeting warrant to approve the donation. They also discussed capping the amount.
Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to put an article on the Town Meeting Warrant to approve a donation to the Maine Lobsterman's Association's Legal Defense Fund to Save Maine Lobstermen.
Motion passed 3-0.

b. Revisit Solid Waste Budget

Northgraves, moved and Reitz seconded a motion to finalize the Board's proposed FY23 Solid Waste budget, line 1027 in the amount of \$284,211.

Motion passed 3-0.

The Board discussed funding the increase.

Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to fund the increase of \$2,160 from surplus.

Motion passed 3-0.

The Selectboard discussed surplus amounts.

The Selectboard will finalize the budget numbers for the warrant at the Selectboard Meeting on May 10th.

They had a brief discussion on the audit and commitment.

c. Discussion Regarding the "Junky Yard Ordinance"

The Board reviewed the ordinance proposed in 2020. Spear drafted and presented an alternative. The Board reviewed his draft. There was a discussion on *H. Appeal*.

There was a discussion concerning trash bags being put out for pick up by a trash pick up service. Trash bags not put in a can for trash pick-up would be a violation under the current draft. There was a discussion on fines/penalties and first violations receiving only a warning. This would soften enforcement. Spear will follow up with Kristin Collins, Town Attorney.

d. Discussion Regarding the Warrant for the 2022 Annual Town Meeting

The Selectboard discussed changing the Town Meeting to June 28, 2022.

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to tentatively reschedule the Town Meeting from June 21, 2022, to June 28, 2022.

Motion passed 3-0.

Articles to possibly add to the draft Warrant.

Fire Truck Purchases

Historical Society Lease Amendment

Transfer Station fiscal year change

Solid waste and junk ordinance.

Gilford Butler non-profit corporation ordinance.

The Selectboard discussed combining article 22 and 25, to make one clearer article.

The Selectboard recommends keeping two dates for tax payments.

There was a discussion on the 1.5% tax discount article.

The Selectboard also discussed adding an article for changing to voting by referendum. It could be put on the warrant as an advisory article.

Article on MLA legal defense fund request. Discussion on cap amount.

Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to cap the Article amount at \$7,500.

Motion passed 3-0.

e. Department Heads Monthly Reports

The Selectboard reviewed the monthly reports.

f. Discuss Creating Two Additional Lots at the Village Cemetery

Alley explained the possibility to create two additional lots from the old road that runs between Avenue 6 and Avenue 7. Currently there is only a half of a lot available to sell.

Creating these lots would add two more full lots, or four more half lots.

Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to support the recommendation by Alley.

Motion passed 3-0.

g. Discussion regarding Hopkins and Rackliff Scholarships

The Selectboard discussed how many students were eligible to apply for the scholarships and discussed the amount the Board should approve the committee can distribute.

Reitz made a motion to allocate \$5,000.

After a brief discussion Reitz withdrew his motion.

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to allocate \$8,000.

Motion passed 3-0.

h. Accept Donations to the Ambulance- Crystal Darling, Jeannette Darling

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to accept the donations with enthusiasm and thanks.

Motion passed 3-0.

i. Execute Service Agreement with Haskell's Water Treatment, Inc.

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to execute the agreement.

Motion passed 3-0.

j. MMA Risk Management Cyber Assessment

The Selectboard reviewed MMA Cyber Assessment recommendations.

There was a brief discussion MMA safety training.

This was requested to be placed on the next agenda.

k. LD 2003

Northgraves explained the requirements of this proposed new law. This LD is also not supported by MMA. Most ordinances would have to be re-written if this should pass. There was a discussion that this is well-intended, but taking what applies to Portland or Bangor and putting it on all towns in the State.

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to authorize Northgraves to write to our public officials (state legislators) regarding LD 2003.

The Board briefly discussed affordable housing.

Motion passed 3-0.

l. Personnel Matter – Anticipated Executive Session

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) a Personnel Matter.

Motion passed 3-0.

The Board entered executive session at 7:46 pm.

The Board exited executive session at 8:37 pm.

VII. Correspondence

VIII. Warrants Review and Approval

The Board approved the warrants.

IX. Review Items for Next Agenda

X. Schedule Future Meetings

June 21, 2022, public hearing for proposed ordinances.

Spear will set up a meeting with the Paquettes to be held at the skatepark.

XI. Adjourn

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:39 pm.

Motion passed 3-0.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88439422101?pwd=bHVmcEIXT2NqVVA3OURvUjBETVlIZz09>

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Selectboard Approved May 10, 2022